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FOL TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE ACCRA DAKAR DAR ES SALAAM LUSAKA  
MONROVIA NAIROBI FROM USDEL SECRETARY IN KINSHASA DTD 27 APR 1976  
QUOTE

SECTO 11118

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFRO

SUBJECT: SECVISIT GHANA CANCELS VISIT

1. STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, ROBERT FUNSETH, MADE THE FOLLOWING  
STATEMENT TO THE TRAVELING PRESS ABOARD THE SECRETARY'S  
AIRCRAFT EN ROUTE KINSHASA AT ABOUT 8 P.M. (KINSHASA TIME,  
APRIL 27).

2. QUOTE, WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM AMBASSADOR  
BLACK IN GHANA REPORTING THAT SHE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE  
SECRETARY'S VISIT TO GHANA HAS BEEN CANCELLED ON INSTRUCTIONS  
OF THE HEAD OF STATE.

3. THE REASON GIVEN BY THE GHANAIAAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IS THE  
POOR HEALTH OF ACHEAMPONG.

4. WE REGRET THAT THE VISIT HAS BEEN CANCELLED

5. I WOULD NOTE THAT AMERICAN POLICY IN AFRICA IS BASED ON  
PERMANENT INTERESTS AND IS NOT AFFECTED BY INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS.

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6. ON BACKGROUND, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE WERE MANY PRESSURES ON THE GOG FROM MANY FOREIGN SOURCES. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, HE SAID THAT WE KNOW THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN AGITATING WITH THE GOG AND AMONG GHANAIAAN STUDENT GROUPS. WE WERE PLANNING TO PROTEST THIS SOVIET ACTIVITY. END BACKGROUND. KISSINGER UNQTE SISCO

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